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Redevelopment Area Boundary

The triangular shaped park in the Multiple-use area will enhance the property and link the SPAWAR campus with the La Playa Park and residential areas to the north.



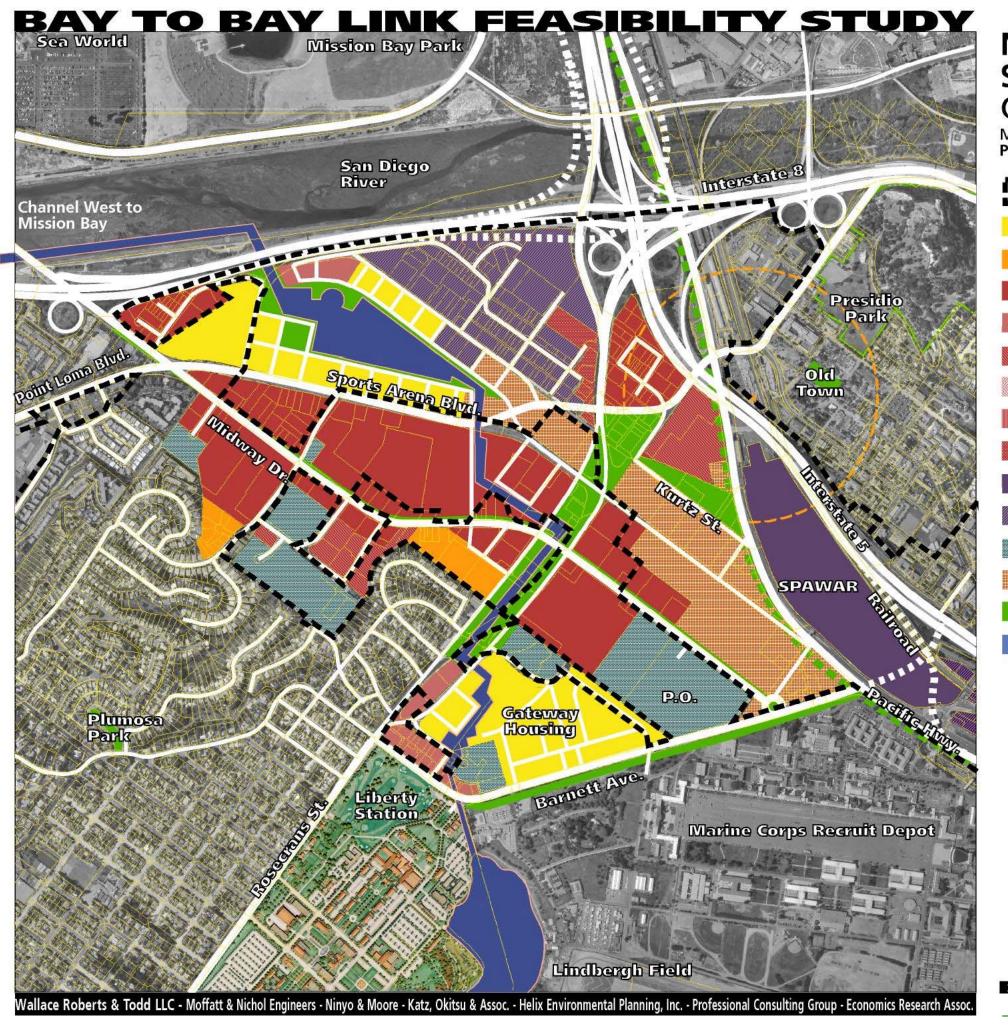


The Gateshead Millennium pedestrian/bicycle bridge rotates up to allow large boats to pass. The bridge is part of the urban catalyst in the development of the Newcastle, UK cultural center.



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Midway / Pacific Highway Corridor Community Plan Amendment 1/99 **Proposed Land Use** 

Transit Stop



Institutional Multiple Use

Public Park / Open Space

Commercial - Visitor

**Industrial Park** 

**Light Industrial** 

Water



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### **Opportunities & Constraints Diagram Navigable Channel from** San Diego Bay to Mission Bay





⊕ 100" Elevation

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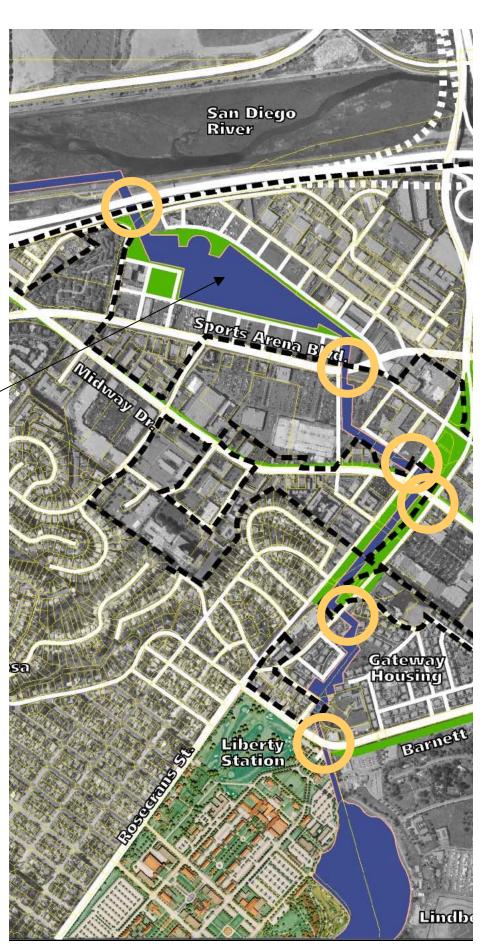


The Harbor Drive bridge over the NTC Channel has 23' vertical clearance, the inland parallel bridge has 21' clearance.

The inland marina illustrated could harbor approximately 415 boats between 20' and 50' long with areas of open water for general enjoyment. The water distance from this marina to the Ocean, via the San Diego River is 3 miles. In comparison, it is 14 miles from Coronado Cays, and Chula Vista marina.



The channel at Naples Island is defined by bridges with 8' vertical clearance.



#### **Bridges and Docks**

The Feasibility Study Alternative includes six bridges with 15' vertical clearance from the Mean High Water surface to the bottom of the bridge. This height allows a variety of boat types to access the inland waterway. A review of harbors along the California coast identified a number of examples where successful waterfront communities are inland of low bridges.

- The bridge at Newport Island limits the size of boats entering the Balboa Coves with a 8' clearance.
- Santa Cruz Small Craft Harbor bridge has 18' clearance.
- Huntington Harbour limits boat size with a 23' bridge.

The Study assumes no changes to the existing bridges on Harbor Drive or in the San Diego River.



The edge of the channel, subject to tidal fluctuation, requires a variety of designed solutions to make it a functional and attractive urban element. For example the Mark Twain Dock in Hartford, CN (below) includes a safety rail and access to watercraft at any tidal height.



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